years in his capacity as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for appointing IAS officer in Indian Airlines instead of the technocrat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The present Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Airlines Ltd. was Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation *w.e.f.* 14th December, 1999 till 12th June, 2002. He also held the additional charge of the post of Chairman & Managing Director, Indian Airlines *w.e.f.* 26.5.2000 till 12th June, 2002.

(c) Necessary action was initiated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation for filling up the post of Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Airlines, which was to fall vacant on 26.5.2000. However, Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) was unable to select a suitable candidate. It was felt that Indian Airlines needed a full time Chairman & Managing Director, keeping in view the competitive market scenario and the overall interests of the Company. It was, therefore, decided to appoint the present incumbent as full time CMD, IAL *w.e.f.* 12.6.2002 for a period of three years keeping in view his good performance as officating CMD.

Carrying of passengers by IA and Jet Airways

630. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jet Airways had carried more number of passengers with less number of aircrafts as compared to Indian Airlines which has a large number of aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details of number of fleets of Indian Airlines and Jet Airways;

(c) whether Indian Airlines propose to purchase more aircrafts during the next two years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor when traffic on Indian Airlines is declining as compared to Jet Airways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has a fleet of thirty six A-320, seven A-300, eleven B-737 and three DO-228 type of aircraft. Jet Airways has a fleet of thirty one B-737 and eight ATR-72 type of aircraft.

With its existing fleet Indian Airlines operates air services on the domestic routes as well as on international routes.

Details of passengers carried by Indian Airlines and Jet Airways during the last three years *i.e.* from 2000 to 2002 (October) are given at Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines has submitted a project report for acquisition of 43 aircraft at a net projected cost of Rs. 10,089 crores. The new aircraft are envisaged to replace the existing fleet of A-300 and B-737-200 in a phased manner as well as to cater to the annual traffic growth.

Statement

Passengers carried by Indian Airlines and Jet Airways from the year 2000 to 2002 (October)

Passengers Carried (in Lakhs)

Year	Indian Airlines			Jet Airways
	International	Domestic	Total	
2000	12.41	62.87	75.28	58.13
2001	13.09	60.69	73.78	57.19
2002 (till Oct.)	12.10	44.34	56.44	51.10